



## Colchester Youth FIRST

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### Youth Services Advisory Board/ Youth FIRST Coalition

March 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Location: Colchester Youth Center

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Voting members present: Lorraine Marvin, Gina Ebbeling, Robert Suchecki, Ginnie Streppa, Linda Bromley, Tricia Dean, Elyse Gabel

Voting members absent: Kathy Wonderly, Josh Vinoski

Non voting members present: Barbara Gilbert, Christopher Bennett

Non voting members absent: Linda Iacobellis

Others present: Valerie Geato, Ashlee Denny, Jennifer Martino, Amber Albee, Denise Mizla (BOS), Christine Miskell

1. Gina Ebbeling called meeting to order at 5:06 pm
2. Gina Ebbeling motion to approve February meeting minutes, Rob Suchecki seconds the motion.
3. No public comments.
4. No program update questions.
5. Youth Services School Based Program Menu- a published menu of programs that are offered to schools by Youth Services during the day. Range from classroom lessons to small groups. Currently running Lunch Bunch, and Boys Group. Healthy Relationships is starting in April.
6. Community Conversation
  - a. Wednesday, March 25, 6pm at Bacon Academy
  - b. Advertising on Town and Youth Services websites, digital backpack, the Rivereast, and flyers have been made and handed out to students.
  - c. Youth Services staff will be attending a Bacon staff meeting to tell them about the event and requesting that they offer alternate assignments to students. WJJMS teachers will also be offering alternate assignments.
7. Community Wide Prescription Drug Abuse Campaign
  - a. Currently developing materials to be available at pharmacies with information about the Colchester location for drug drop off.
  - b. Magnets may be a suitable option.
  - c. Program coordinators are in the process of creating a presentation for seniors. Chris Bennett asked that we also promote the "Senior Prom" April 30 from 3:30-5:30pm at the middle school.

- d. Gina Ebbeling suggests that a presentation also be made to groups of parents (maybe moms club) about prescription drug dangers and keeping them out of reach of children.
8. Summer Palooza Discussion
- a. No dunk tanks have been found yet.- maybe look into purchasing one, could be split with and stored at the school.
  - b. Look into waivers to be signed for the dunkees.
  - c. Ben and Jerry's donating 4 tubs of ice cream.
  - d. Call Farmer's Cow for donation.
  - e. Possibly selling pre-made tie dye shirts
  - f. Other fundraising options- bake sale, silent auction?
  - g. Combining Palooza with a 5k or Fun Run?
    - 1. Include a tee shirt with entry, \$20 or \$25 entry fee, \$10 for kids.
    - 2. What may be necessary to organize the event? Permits, traffic control, possible conflict on the green with set up for tag sale.
9. Val presents what is included in this years Youth and Social Services budget proposal.
10. Next Agenda
- a. Summer Palooza
  - b. Discuss 5k and information that has been found.
11. Rob Suchecki motions to adjourn at 5:56 pm, Ginnie Streppa seconds the motion.